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In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicants wishes to bring the following items to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each item is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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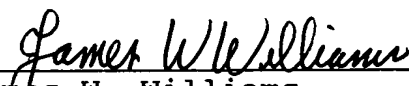
Applicants wish to bring the following items to the attention of the Examiner:

- (1) Bell, U.S. Patent 4,827,347, issued May 2, 1989
- (2) Takeuchi et al, U.S. Patent 4,888,648, issued December 19, 1989
- (3) Nakamura, U.S. Patent 4,942,477, issued July 17, 1990
- (4) Takanashi et al, U.S. Patent 5,220,343, issued June 15, 1993
- (5) European Patent Application B1 0 398 295, (Minolta Co., Ltd.), published August 14, 1996

Applicants consider the invention to be distinguishable from the prior art to the extent represented by the above-cited documents which are available as prior art.

As this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the filing of the application, no fee is incurred.

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